GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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ACQUISITION OF USED AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Force was to get 8 SU-30K aircraft during 1997 from the manufacturers alongwith the associated equipments; and

(b) if so, whether the Air Force got delivery of items which were old used and unserviceable thus violating the terms of agreement;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to ask the manufacturer to refund the payments made in advance or replace the items supplied; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Air Force got delivery of 8 SU-30K aircraft, along with associated equipment, during 1997. Out of all the equipment, supplied by the manufacturer, only two Air Field Air Conditioner Vehicles were found to be old and corroded.

(c) & (d): The payment on account of the said items has been withheld for getting the items replaced.